

WILLIAM K. JENNINGS AND OTHERS.

[To accompany bill S. 259.]

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JANUARY 24, 1857.

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Mr. CLINGMAN, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 259, which provides compensation to W. K. Jennings and Aphia Jennings, Henry A. Wise, Ann Robinson, Edward Rudd, and Mary Martin, for certain slaves taken and carried away by the British during the war of 1812, report :*

That they are satisfied, after a full examination of the evidence, that the parties have made good their claim to such portion of the unapplied residue of the funds obtained under the treaty of Ghent for this special purpose, and the committee therefore recommend the passage of said Senate bill, with an amendment suggested by the following circumstances, viz: That, inasmuch as there has been referred to this committee the memorial of Catharine Hodges, widow of Benjamin Hodges, of the State of Maryland, praying for compensation for the loss of a slave taken by the British during the late war, and inasmuch as the testimony is clear and satisfactory that the negro man, the property of the husband of said petitioner, was taken off by the British army on its return from Washington to the fleet, then lying in the Patuxent, the committee are of opinion that her case presents a just and equal claim to that of the others; and they, therefore, report the Senate bill back, amended accordingly, with the recommendation that it do pass.

